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RESIDENCY PROGRAM EARNS A FIVE -YEAR ACCREDITATION CYCLE

Due to an excellent site visit in 2010 by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the Family Medicine residency program has earned a five-year accreditation cycle, which is the maximum awarded by the ACGME.

Every residency program is closely monitored by the ACGME, according to C. Philip Hudson, M.D., program director. "The ACGME decides how often that a site visit must be made based on the results of the previous site visit," he said. "If a program seems to be having problems, site visits are scheduled more frequently. Only the strongest programs are granted a five-year time period between reviews, and I'm pleased that we were counted among this group."

Site visits are conducted in person by ACGME accreditation field representatives. Mark Arner, M.D., based in Virginia, is the field representative who came to the DFPM in March 2010 to evaluate the program. During his visit, he made several complimentary remarks, including a comment that he found our evaluation system to be robust. His complete written report will be available later this year.

Dan Knight, M.D., department chair, gave certificates of appreciation to Dr. Hudson and Dr. Jarrett to recognize their efforts in coordinating a program that merits positive evaluation by the national accrediting body.

Others who were instrumental in preparing for the site visit are Stacey Riddling (former residency coordinator) and Rozanne Demel (current residency coordinator).

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FMC RECEIVES NCQA RECOGNITION AS A PATIENT CENTERED MEDICAL HOME

The DFPM Family Medical Center has been certified by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Level-III Patient Centered Medical Home. This is the highest level awarded by the NCQA.

The Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) is a model of care where each patient has an ongoing relationship with a personal provider who leads a team that takes collective responsibility for patient care. The physician-led care team is responsible for providing all the patient's health care needs and, when needed, arranges for appropriate care with other qualified providers.

"It's a model of care that should provide better quality care," said Jamie Howard, M.D., the FMC Medical Director. "It also improves involvement of patients in their own care, reduction in avoidable costs, and possible increased reimbursement for the PCP."

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

If you'd like to be featured in an upcoming Alumni Spotlight, email DMJARRETT@UAMS.EDU

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Hometown: Russellville, AR
Education: UAMS class of 2006;
Family Medicine Residency Program,
2009

Current position:
In private practice at Millard Henry
Clinic in Russellville.

What was your most memorable moment from the residency program?
When I surprised Dr. Nelsen with a clinical fact he had never heard.

What was the funniest moment?
When we took Ravi to lunch and he kept making motorcycle noises for no apparent reason.

NEWS FROM THE RESIDENCY DIRECTOR



It's interviewing time again, and the Family Medicine residency program has more than 1,100 applicants for the six places that will open up next year. Sifting through so many applications is a challenge, but it's a good challenge. This means that we have many highly qualified applicants from which to choose.

It's exciting also to see that we have an amazing diversity of applicants, from those who were born in Arkansas and lived their entire lives here, to those who have lived at various places around the world.

This fits in well with the HRSA grant we have been working on for more than a year now. We've been training our residents to recognize and appreciate cultural differences, especially as they pertain to providing health care to underserved populations. The populations we're focusing on are low income African Americans, Hispanics, HIV-positive patients and the homeless.

As part of this training, we have provided excellent speakers, set up a variety of pertinent field trips, and learned to use resources including books such as "Cross-Cultural Medicine" by Bigby and "Cultural Competence in Cancer Care" from Baylor College of Medicine.

The grant supports two new positions in the department through 2012. Peggy Miller LCSW is our new clinical social worker and Shannon Heard is our new administrative analyst. They both offer capable support toward our grant goals and are already enthusiastic team members of the residency. Faculty, residents and staff have all expressed their interest in continued training on cultural competence, and the program is more than equal to the task.

C. Philip Hudson, M.D.
Residency Program Director

UPCOMING CME EVENTS

Hot Topics in Primary Care
March 4-5, 2011

33rd Annual Family Medicine Intensive Review Course
May 19-22, 2011

15th Annual Family Medicine Update
October 2011

See <http://cme.uams.edu/> for details.

NEWS FLASHES

- **Dr. Appathurai "Bala" Balamurugan** is a PGY-1 resident with a busy calendar of scholarly activity. At the AAFP 2010 Scientific Assembly, he presented a poster entitled "Subsequent Cancers in Melanoma Survivors." He was also co-author (with Inci Irak-Dersu, M.D.) of "Prevalence of Visual Impairment and Eye Diseases in Arkansas," a case study published in the 2010 issue of **The Journal of the Arkansas Medical Society**.
- **Stacey Riddling**, who was the residency coordinator since 2005, has resigned to accept a position in the ENT residency program at UAMS. We wish her all the best in her new position.
- **Rozanne Demel, MBA** is the new residency coordinator and is quickly picking up all the fine details that make the difference between a good employee and a great employee. She was already working in the department as an administrative analyst, so she can put her DFPM experience to good use. Rozanne can be contacted at redemel@uams.edu or 501-686-8820.

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The NCQA uses nine standards to measure performance: Access and communication; patient tracking and registry functions; care management; patient self-management support; electronic prescribing; test tracking/ referral tracking; performance reporting and improvement; and advanced electronic communications.

NCQA's website at www.ncqa.org provides more information about the certification process and offers a list of providers who have achieved certification.

Who were your favorite faculty members?

Impossible to choose. I formed good relationships with everyone there, and had I not been so busy, would have chosen to get to know all of them better.

What do you do in your leisure time?

Boating, hiking and gaming.

What about your personal life?

My wife was surprised to see so much of me again after residency, but decided to keep me anyway. Kids soon!

If you could invite any three people in the history of the world to have dinner with you, who would you choose?

Jon Stewart, Steve Martin and Robin Williams

What three words best describe you?

Funny. Honest. Ornerly.



Jeremy Saul, M.D.

FACULTY POSITION AVAILABLE IN THE DFPM

The Department of Family and Preventive Medicine is seeking a full time faculty member. This position will provide both inpatient and outpatient care, as well as teach residents and medical students. There will also be an opportunity to participate in the medical student education program and scholarly activities.

Women and underrepresented minorities are encouraged to apply. Contact Dr. Knight for additional information about applying for this position.

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UPDATE CORNER

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WHAT IS PHILANTHROPY?

According to Merriam Webster's Online Dictionary, *philanthropy* is goodwill to fellowmen, especially an active effort to promote human welfare. The word dates back to about 1623, and its Greek roots literally mean "loving people."

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Dan Knight, M.D. (left) receives an award of appreciation from C. Philip Hudson, M.D. (right)

DR. KNIGHT RECEIVES AN AWARD OF APPRECIATION FROM THE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

During a recent faculty meeting, C. Philip Hudson, M.D., presented Dan Knight, M.D. with an award of appreciation for his 10 years as director of the residency program.

Dr. Knight was director of the residency program from 1999 until 2009, when he was promoted to department chair. During his 10 years as P.D., he provided able leadership and vision that significantly increased the quality of the program.

Diane Jarrett EdD, assistant director of the residency program, said, "I was hired by Dr. Knight when he was still the residency program director. It was great to work with him in that capacity, and I sincerely appreciate now that we have a department chair whose heart is still with the residency. It makes our program that much stronger."

Dr. Hudson said, "When Dr. Knight was hired as program director, the program was experiencing some difficulties. He was able to develop it into one of the strongest programs on campus, and he set the foundation for our recent successful site visit. This award represents the sincere appreciation that we feel for Dr. Knight's accomplishments on behalf of the residency."